Coal reservts in the country

16. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of good quality coal and inferior coal reserves in the total coal reserves of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that coal reserves beyond 300 metres are generally of good quality;

(c) if so, whether there is any long term planning to extract such reserves of coal in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As per information available from geological Survey of India (GSI), estimates in percentage terms of quality-wise coal reserves of the country as on 1.1.1994 for coal seams having thickness 0.9 metre and above, down to depth of 1200 metres, are given below:

(in percentage

Proved & Indicated Reserves			Inferred Reserves
Coking	Non-coking		
	Superior	Inferior	
14.23	11.36	52.69	21.72

(b) to (e) Quality of coal reserves does not necessarily depend on depth as different coalfields exhibit different trends. The depth of exploitation of coal reserves varies depending upon factors like thickness and gradient of coal seams, coal quality and other geomining parametres including inter-se configuration of various seams in a given deposit/block. In future with the exhaustion of shallow reserves more and more deeper reserves will be exploited.

Investment in underground coal mines

17. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5274 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the amount of the investment given therein is for the year 1993-94 or upto the year 1993-94; and

(b) if the figure is for the year 1993-94, what is the investment done upto the year 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Amount of investment given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5274 on 2nd May, 1994 is upto the year 1993-94.

(b) Does not arise.

Investment in Open Cast Mines

18. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5268 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the figures of investment were for the year 1993-94 only; and

(b) if so, what are the figures of total amount of investment in new completed/recognised open cast mines upto the year 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. Figures of investment given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5268 on 2nd May, 1994 is upto the year 1993-94.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure by Coal India Ltd

19. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 663 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th Feb., 1994 and to state the details of the expenditure of Rs. 186.39 lakhs under the head "all other items of expenditure" spent by Coal India Limited stating clearly the items on which this amount has been spent during the year 1992-93 and for the year 1993-94 under the same head of expenditure, if available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. the desired details of expenditure incurred by establishments of Coal India (CIL) in Delhi under the head "all other items of expenditure" during 1992-93 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Item	Expenditure
Employees remuneration & benefits	95.98
Social overheads	6.89
Travelling Exp.	9.30
Printing & Stationery	2.75
Postage/Tele/Telex	18.10
Running & Maintenance of vehicles	4.97
Rep. & Maint. of offices/ Guest Houses	6.35
Rent of offices/Res./Guest Houses	32.99
Depreciation	3.82
Electricity & Water	3.19
Publications	0.59
Other Misc. expenses	1.46
Total	186.39

The details of expenditure are not available for 1993-94 as the annual accounts have not been finalised and suited as yet.

कोयला उद्योग में निजी निवेशक

20. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या कोयला मंत्री 25 अप्रैल, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 4268 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कितने निजी निवेशकों ने कोयला उद्योग में निवेश करने की पेशकश की है ; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिए गए हैं?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) और (ख) कोयला खान राष्ट्रीयकरण अधिनियम 1973 के उपबंधों में हाल ही में किए गए संशोधन के अनुसार जो कंपनियां विद्युत उत्पादन, लौह एवं इस्पात तथा अन्य अंतिम उपयोगों में लगी हुई हैं; जोकि सरकार द्वारा अधिसूचित की जाएंगी, को ग्रहीत कोयला खानों को विकसित करने की अनुमति दी गई है। 15 कंम्पनियों/राज्य विद्युत बोर्डों ने विद्युत संयंत्रों